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An illustration of the finalist entry from Team space2place, announced Thursday.
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This is one of five finalists to become Ottawa's monument to the Victims of Communism

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Petition delivered to Shopify's doorstep

CAMPAIGN

E-commerce firm called on to sever ties with Breitbart News

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Shopify critics angry at the company's free-speech stance delivered their message on Thursday with a physical petition and a small but vocal protest.

The group was led by Emma Pullman, lead campaign strategist of SumOfUs.org, a consumer-watchdog organization. Pullman travelled from Vancouver to hand-deliver a thick stack of signatures — 140,000 of them.

"When we launched this campaign I thought Shopify was going to respond immediately," said Pullman. "Instead we've seen the company dig its heels in and say it doesn't have the ability to decide who it does business with."

"I believe the company is literally profiting off Breitbart's hateful message," she said.

Pullman wants the company to create a "hate speech policy" that would contain standards on who they do business with. Shopify has said they don't discriminate against people or companies that sell lawful products.

Shopify executives have openly opposed the U.S. travel ban and supported immigrants. But in early February CEO Tobias Lutke penned an essay in which he argues that, in a democracy, a company like Shopify should not have the right to decide which ideas and products are acceptable and which aren't.

The front doors to 150 Elgin St., the building that hosts Shopify, Ottawa Tourism, Canada Council for the Arts and KPMG, were locked during the small protest.

After several minutes of chanting, a woman opened the door to receive the paper petition. Pullman and the protesters were not invited inside.

> "The company is literally profiting off Breitbart's hateful message."
> Emma Pullman

Shopify spokesperson Sheryl So said the decision to lock the doors was made by building security.

"Shopify supports the rights of citizens to engage in free speech and peaceful protest," she said in an emailed statement. "Shopify does not endorse, fund or advertise with Breitbart."

The SumOfUs petition allows signees to self-identify by checking a box, although the numbers are not confirmed.

While the bulk of the signatures were not affiliated with Shopify, Pullman said 17,000 declared they were customers, 750 said they were shareholders and 100 said they were employees.

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Just how much trouble is Jeff Sessions really in? **World**

Liberals' diversity bill is going to work: Minister

GOVERNMENT

Bains rejects New Democrat call to add quotas to C-25

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's economic development minister, Navdeep Bains, said getting companies to diversify their boards is a matter of a nudge in the right direction — there's no need to shove, as the NDP has suggested.

Last fall, Bains introduced C-25, a bill that requires companies to provide a diversity policy to shareholders and to disclose the diversity of their boards.

Last week, NDP MP Brian Masse called on the government to go further and set a mandatory minimum percentage of women on boards.

Bains said he doesn't believe that's necessary.

"We believe that requiring companies to have a comply-or-explain policy will improve the overall outcomes of diversity on boards, which is not only the right thing to do, but it's good for the bottom line," he said in an interview with Metro.

> "I have an enormous amount of confidence that this is the direction companies want. Navdeep Bains

Bains said similar legislation in other parts of the world has moved the needle.

"In the UK, when they brought it in 2010, they had about 12.5 per cent of women sitting on boards, and that number went up to 26 per cent in 2015."

An annual survey of Canadian boards found that, in 2016, 21 per cent of seats were filled by women. The Canadian government itself fares better, with 34 per cent of the seats on Crown Corporation boards filled by women.

He said the government is willing to consider heavier-handed measures if corporations don't change, but he doesn't expect that to happen.

"I have an enormous amount of confidence that this is the direction companies want to go in," he said. "If we don't see those outcomes in the foreseeable future, we're willing to review and examine what other options we are willing to pursue."

Bains said highly qualified women are out there and he believes board make-up will soon start to show that.

"We have a tremendous pool of talent," he said. "We have tremendously talented women entrepreneurs."

EXTREME SPORTS ATHLETES LEAP INTO CRASHED ICE TEST RUN Red Bull athletes test out the Crashed Ice track as part of a photo opportunity on Thursday. The ice cross championship takes place this weekend. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Ottawa DIGEST

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Clarkson Cup to be decided in NHL arena

Sunday's Clarkson Cup in Ottawa's Canadian Tire Centre between the defending champion Calgary Inferno and Les Canadiennes de Montreal will be the third Canadian Women's Hockey League game played in an NHL arena this season. The league held its all-star game in Toronto's Air Canada Centre in February. Les Canadiennes edged the Inferno 1-0 in the first ever CWHL game played in Montreal's Bell Centre on Dec. 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRANSPORTATION

Transit drivers take two weeks to study proposal

Gatineau bus drivers are taking two weeks to study a proposal by the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) Thursday that would see a federal mediator implement a binding resolution to a two-month job action. Both sides met Thursday with a federally appointed mediator (the STO's inter-provincial routes make it subject to federal regulation), and will meet again March 15. DYLAN C ROBERTSON/FOR METRO

CONGESTION

Weekend event expected to freeze up traffic

As athletes glide over ice slopes and crash at high speed through jumps, expect downtown traffic to move at a glacial pace.

Red Bull Crashed Ice will cause street closures around the Chateau Laurier and in the ByWard Market.

York St. will be closed between Sussex Drive and ByWard Market Square on Friday 4 to 11 p.m., and from Saturday 4 p.m. until Sunday 8 a.m. DYLAN C. ROBERTSON/FOR METRO

MAINTENANCE

High pothole season came late this year

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's temperamental weather changes have made for costly clean-ups, but the number of potholes around the city remains fairly consistent, according to the city.

New data obtained by Metro shows the city has filled 43,325 potholes this season, just slightly less than the previous winter. But unlike in previous two years, most have been filled in the New Year instead of the fall.

Luc Gagné, the city's manager of road services, said that's due to an increasing number of freeze-thaw cycles.

Gagné said that a mild November and December has come home to roost, with water seeping under asphalt that cracks with temperature changes, before freezing and thus expanding.

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Freeze-thaw cycles so far this season, eight more than the 20-year average.

"The colder temperatures at night really promote the weakness in the asphalt," Gagné said.

Newer roads are built with better materials, and have a higher slope to drain water off to the sides.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Diverted ambulances were closest: Report

Rural ambulances that were brought into Ottawa last summer were diverted for the right reasons, a review by the ministry of health has determined.

The paramedic chief of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell raised concerns with the ministry, about an evening last summer when 13 calls from Ottawa were assigned to ambulances from the counties.

The ministry concluded that the dispatch centre had no choice but to rely on rural ambulances because of high call volume.

Peter Kelly, the city's acting chief paramedic, said the report showed calls were sent to the nearest units. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Support divided on issue of official bilingualism

POLICY

17 councillors need to be on board before tabling motion

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro

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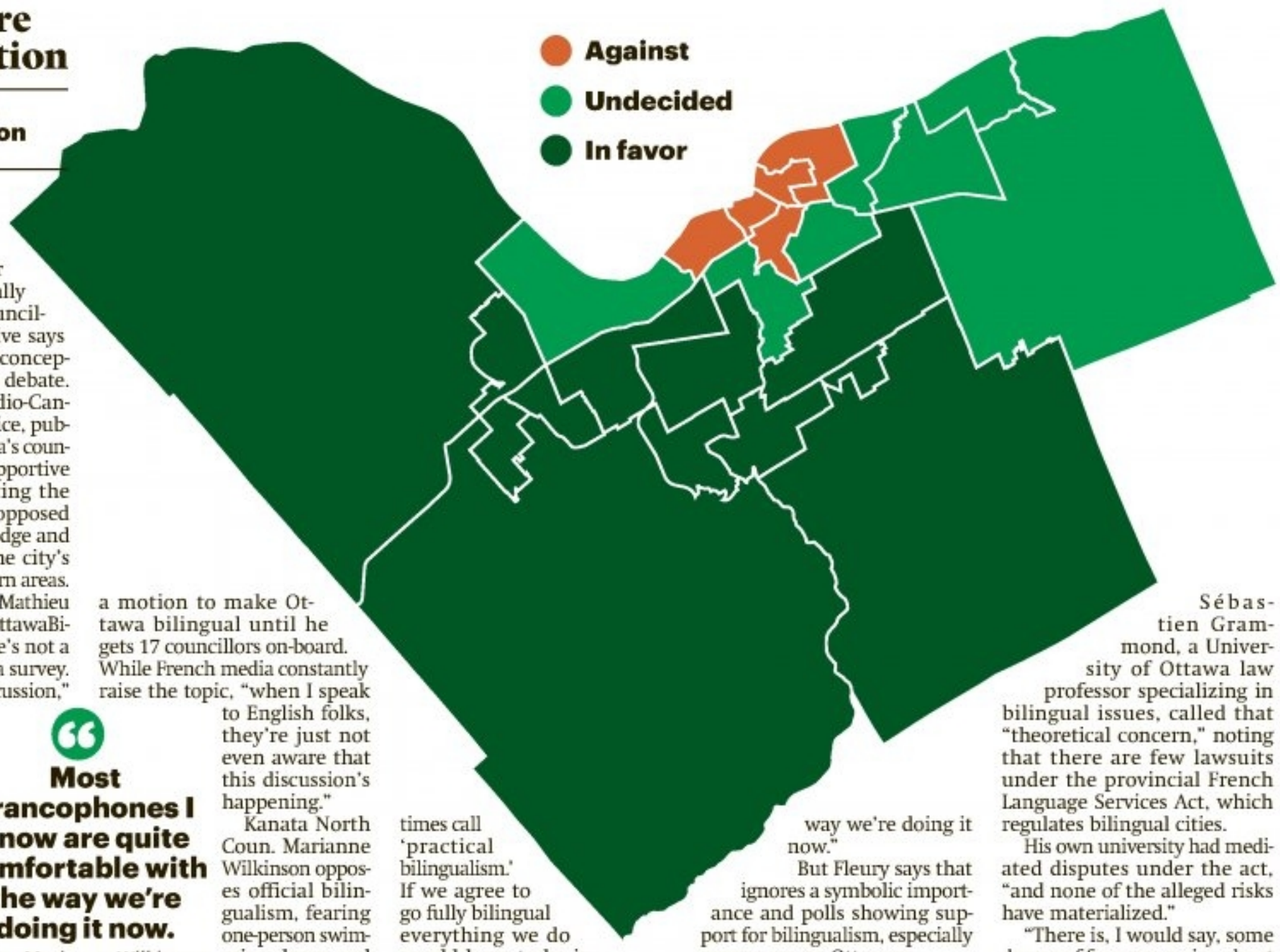

Ottawa city councillors are split along urban and rural lines in their support for making the city officially bilingual. But the councillor leading the initiative says there's too many misconceptions to have a serious debate.

On Wednesday, Radio-Canada, CBC's French service, published a survey of Ottawa's councillors. It found five supportive councillors representing the downtown wards, 12 opposed along the city's outer edge and seven undecided in the city's Francophone-rich eastern areas.

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury is part of the #OttawaBilingue initiative, but he's not a fan of the Radio-Canada survey. "It doesn't help the discussion," he told Metro. "The initiative requires a lot of discussion."

Right now, Ottawa offers almost all its services in both languages. "We're trying to … keep the existing policies," Fleury says. "So, zero changes to jobs. But right now it is a city policy, and nothing stops anyone from amending the policy."

Fleury says he won't table a motion to make Ottawa bilingual until he gets 17 councillors on-board. While French media constantly raise the topic, "when I speak to English folks, they're just not even aware that this discussion's happening."

> **Most Francophones I know are quite comfortable with the way we're doing it now.**
> Coun. Marianne Wilkinson

Kanata North Coun. Marianne Wilkinson opposes official bilingualism, fearing one-person swimming classes and lawsuits over unilingual staff similar to ones involving federal parks and Air Canada.

"I support what we sometimes call 'practical bilingualism.' If we agree to go fully bilingual everything we do would have to be in both languages and the cost would be exorbitant," said Wilkinson.

"Most Francophones I know are quite comfortable with the way we're doing it now."

But Fleury says that ignores a symbolic importance and polls showing support for bilingualism, especially among young Ottawans.

"We play an important role in Confederation; we unite the two founding countries," he said. "[But] we won't bring it up if it's a divisive issue."

Sébastien Grammond, a University of Ottawa law professor specializing in bilingual issues, called that "theoretical concern," noting that there are few lawsuits under the provincial French Language Services Act, which regulates bilingual cities.

His own university had mediated disputes under the act, "and none of the alleged risks have materialized."

"There is, I would say, some degree of fear-mongering about the legal exposure that would flow from such a designation," said Grammond, who says Canada 150 is good timing for Ottawa to adopt bilingualism.

MONTREAL

Jiu-jitsu meet banned

A Montreal martial arts competition cancelled under police pressure will instead take place in Ottawa on Sunday.

A national competition in Brazilian jiu-jitsu had been scheduled for Feb. 26, but Montreal police warned the sport was illegal, because the federal Criminal Code only allows competitions for combat sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee, like boxing or taekwondo.

In a Facebook post Wednesday, organizers said the 240 competitors will compete Sunday at Ottawa's EY Centre.

While organizers couldn't be reached Thursday, Ottawa Police said all martial-arts events are regulated by Ontario's Athletics Commissioner, so it's likely the group got permission under provincial law.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu, or BJJ, is based on holding an opponent in place, rather than punching or chopping with hands and feet.

Antonio Arnold, an instructor at Nova Uniao Ottawa BJJ in Hintonburg, says Muay Thai events have also been cancelled in Montreal, with rumours that competing gyms call the police on each other.

"They're trying to deem it as prize fighting, but the people who compete in these competitions just see it as a way to push themselves and challenge themselves, and no one gets paid," said Arnold, an amateur Muay Thai champion.

He says gyms are fighting a bad reputation, despite taking up insurance, medical testing and having doctors at events. "Martial arts keeps a lot of people out of trouble, but it also provides a lot of positive things for people."

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Canadians outraged

COURT

Hundreds call for judge's removal after verdict

Cody McEachern & Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Anger is growing across Canada against a judge who found a taxi driver not guilty of sexual assault this week. Petitions have been launched calling for an investigation against Judge Gregory Lenehan as people organize to protest his latest verdict.

More than 3,000 people had signed the main petition by Thursday evening, the day after Lenehan's decision allowed Bassam Al-Rawi to walk free.

Judge Lenahan when he was a Crown prosecutor in 2009. COURTESY CBC

Bassam Al-Rawi was charged after being found with an unconscious and mostly naked woman in his cab on May 23, 2015.

During his trial last month, the Crown presented a toxicology report showing the 26-year-old complainant would've had a concentration of between 223 and 244 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood when police found her.

"Clearly a drunk can consent," Lenehan said in his decision.

The comments sent a tide of uproar across the country and spurred many to speak out.

The online petition calls the judge's views of consent "antiquated and dangerous."

"He should not be in a position to hand down decisions allowing sexual predators to go free," it reads.

Multiple protests have been planned for next week in Halifax.

"The point is to cause a disruption," said Amanda Dodsworth, one of organizers. "We want to be seen and be heard, and what better way to do that than with a couple hundred people marching down the street. There are a lot of angry people, and they need an outlet to voice their opinion."

Leah Parsons, the mother of Rehtaeh Parsons has added her voice to those demanding a review of Lenehan.

Parsons' 17-year-old daughter committed suicide in April 2013 following months of bullying related to an explicit photo of her and a boy that was shared around her high school. A teen boy was charged with child pornography in that case and was sentenced to 12 months probation after a trial in Lenehan's court.

A review into how police and the Crown handled the Parsons case found "errors from start to finish."

"For this man to actually walk free after all of that evidence? It is just sickening," Parsons said Thursday. "It's sending such a horrible, horrible message to other victims of assault. How are they going to come forward?

"He obviously has his own perceptions about what is consent, and that is the problem we see everywhere. He should definitely be reviewed by somebody independent, somebody outside of this province."

Police and judges need proper training for dealing with sexual assault cases, she said. Everyone needs to be on the same page regarding issues of consent and how victims behave following traumatic events, she added.

"Consent must be affirmative and ongoing. Consent cannot be compromised.

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

An extremely drunk woman cannot consent to sex. Any public servant who continues to believe she can is making the world unsafe for women.

Judge Gregory Lenehan ruled Wednesday that a taxi driver accused in a Halifax sexual assault case was not guilty because a lack of consent could not be proved.

"Clearly," he said, "a drunk can consent."

This is not true. Our understanding of consent has evolved but Lenehan's is woefully outdated. Consent must be affirmative and ongoing. Consent cannot be compromised. A judge presiding over a sexual assault case should know that.

The taxi driver, Bassam Al-Rawi, was charged after a woman was found in his car. Having entrusted her safety to the driver, a stranger, the complainant's inebriation only maximizes the horror of the situation.

Now, however, instead of safeguarding her trust and that of other women, some institutions have supported the man charged, and acquitted, in her attack.

The city's licensing committee, composed of city councillors, voted in August 2015, two months after the incident, to reinstate the driver's taxi licence with the conditions that he is not allowed to drive between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. and has to have a camera in his car.

That said, it appears he didn't file the paperwork required to start driving again. He does not work for his former employer, Bob's Taxi; however, the licence allows him to act as an independent driver and take fares.

The judge's ruling, too, is a failure to protect women. While the judge acknowledges the moral obligation that the driver had to deliver the complainant home safely, he demonstrates a clear lack of knowledge on consent.

"(The complainant) might very well have been capable of appearing lucid but drunk, and able to direct, ask, agree, or consent to any number of different activities," Lenehan said.

The complainant was found passed out and undressed in the cab while the driver tried to hide her underwear. Toxicology reports shown in court revealed her blood alcohol content to be nearly triple the legal limit.

Again, a vulnerable woman cannot consent.

The councillors who relicensed the driver must be held to account.

So too must Judge Lenehan. (This is the same judge who issued a light punishment to Rehtaeh Parsons' tormentors.)

An outpouring of complaints are now being sent to the provincial and national Judicial Council. Provincial intervention may be unprecedented in Nova Scotia. It has been at least 15 years since a public complaint against a provincially-appointed judge has been referred to the Judicial Council, said a spokesperson for the provincial law courts to the Halifax Examiner.

Removing the judge is just one step.

The entire taxi industry must commit to educating their drivers not to commit sexual assault as well as no longer employing drivers who — conviction or not — have sex with passengers. Feeling unsafe and left without justice, women in Halifax are already organizing to drive one another around by using a hashtag.

Rape culture is when women who do the right thing, like taking a cab home when they're drunk, have to ask for justice from the wrong person.

From the roads to city councils to the courts of justice, institutions must do everything possible to prioritize the safety of women, or risk completely losing their trust.

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IN BRIEF

'He will have no choice but to go independent'

The head of the Halifax Taxi Association says Bassam Al-Rawi "will never drive for a cab company in the HRM again."

Dave Buffett, president of the association, said he doubts Al-Rawi will ever get his full taxi licence back, but if he does he will have to work independently. "All the brokers have discussed it ... none of the taxi brokers in HRM are willing to let him drive for their company," Buffet said.

CODY MCEACHERN/FOR METRO

SAFETY

Women helping women with #HaliLadyCab campaign

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

In light of a judge's verdict that found a taxi driver not guilty of sexual assault, Alana Canales said she wanted to move the conversation away from what the complainant should've done differently to, "I'm here for you if you need me."

Canales started the hashtag #HaliLadyCab Wednesday evening to identify women on Twitter who would be willing to pick up anyone for free who felt uncomfortable taking a taxi in light of Bassam Al-Rawi's acquittal, and last year's spike of alleged sexual assaults in cabs.

"I don't know if anyone will ever ask me for a ride late at night, but I do know that having me as an option is valuable," Canales said via email Thursday.

As of Thursday afternoon, at least six others on Twitter had added the hashtag to their bios.

Alana Canales is the woman behind #HaLiLadyCab.
JEFF HARPER/METRO

Just arrived, and already giving back

REFUGEES

Woman who crossed border aims to help

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

Sitti Ali says she does not miss her first home.

She doesn't elaborate on why to reporters, but the recently arrived refugee appears to be adjusting well to life in Winnipeg.

The 28-year-old from Djibouti walked to Canada through Emerson, Man. in November, after flying to the U.S.

She said she spent two months in Denver before taking a bus to Minnesota.

Ali said she heard people were finding their way to Manitoba through Minnesota and she yearned to make the trip.

So she took a bus to Grand Forks and from there, a taxi to the border where she met another group of six from Djibouti who were hoping to make the same trek to Emerson.

Ali walked with three women, two men and an eight-month-old baby starting at 7 p.m. one night, she said.

When they arrived in Canada seven hours later, "I was the only one there who spoke English so I called 911 (and) said, 'We are refugees,'" she remembered.

She described the police and border services agents as welcoming and friendly.

Ali shared her story at a press conference where the United Way announced support for asylum seekers in the form of a new website: helprefugees.ca.

After about three months in Winnipeg, Ali said she is also looking to give back.

She's volunteering at Welcome Place, helping other refugee claimants file their paperwork, and is opening her own home to newcomers that the non-profit doesn't have enough accommodations for. Right now, she has 11 people staying in her home temporarily. The most she's hosted is 18.

Ali recently got her work permit, so finding a job is top of mind. She said her dream job involves "helping people" in any way.

Sitti Ali. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/FOR METRO

MEMORIAL

Monument has five final submissions

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa could be home to the leaning tower of Vladimir Lenin.

The falling figure of the Russian communist revolutionary is the central feature of one of five finalists to become the monument to the victims of communism, whose site was moved in 2015 from land near the Supreme Court to the Garden of the Provinces and Territories, on Wellington near Bay Street.

Jeff Cutler, with the team Space2Place, which is proposing the Lenin-centric design, said having the statue's toppling effect ties into history.

"What it really represents is that moment of transition from the fall of a communist regime into something new," he said.

He said his group chose Lenin because of his central role in the movement.

"All of the modern-day communism can really trace their roots back to him."

Four other designs are also competing to be selected for the project, including an elevated platform, a grouping of triangular monoliths and a design with 200 bronze blades.

Paul Raff's design features more than 4,000 bronze pipes attached to a large sculpture that would mark moments in the history of communism.

"The dissolution of the Soviet Union can be marked on a day of the calendar, so it is memorialized forever," he said.

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Perjury difficult to prove

POLITICS

Sessions would have a good defence if he needed one

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions rejected any suggestion that he tried to mislead anyone about his contacts with the Russians.

Here are some questions and answers about the allegations:

Is this a case of perjury?

That's tough to say. Such a case would likely come down to splitting hairs over what Sessions said under oath, what he believed he was saying, and what he believed he was being asked. During Sessions' confirmation hearing in January, Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., asked the then-Alabama senator what he would do if evidence emerged that anyone from the Trump campaign had been in touch with the Russian government during the 2016 race. Sessions replied he was "not aware of any of those activities" and that he himself, "did not have communications with the Russians."

Democrats are demanding an investigation into whether Attorney General Jeff Sessions committed perjury. GETTY IMAGES

Could he be charged with making 'false statements'?

Sen. Patrick Leahy, the senior Judiciary Committee Democrat, asked Sessions in a written questionnaire whether "he had been in contact with anyone connected to any part of the Russian government about the 2016 election, either before or after Election Day." Sessions replied with one word: "No." That statement could be examined under a separate "false statements" statute, which differs from perjury in that it applies to statements that are not made under oath.

What has sessions himself said about perjury?

The House impeached Bill Clinton after he had been accused of lying to a grand jury about his relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. As a senator Sessions voted for conviction on perjury and obstruction. Clinton was acquitted. "I fear that an acquittal of this president will weaken the legal system by providing an option for those who consider being less than truthful in court," Sessions said after Clinton's acquittal in 1998.

What are some other cases?

Republicans asked for a perjury investigation of Hillary Clinton for telling Congress there was nothing in her private email marked classified. That was not accurate, but FBI Director James Comey said it was "possible that she didn't understand what a 'C' meant when she saw it in the body of the email like that," which would hurt a perjury case.

The Justice Department in 2013 rejected Republican suggestions that Attorney General Eric Holder committed perjury when he told Congress he had never been involved in a potential prosecution of the news media.

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WEBSITES

Comments get skill test filter

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Canadians are quite familiar with skill-testing contest questions. Perhaps skill-testing comment questions will be next.

In a bid to keep a lid on the generally ill-informed fury that comments sections quickly become, a Norwegian website will ask those hoping to weigh in one simple question: Did you actually read the article?

Last month, NRKbeta — a tech site operated by Norway's public broadcaster — introduced a new feature that quizzes readers on details of the article before they're allowed to toss in their two cents.

"We thought we should do our part to try and make sure that people are on the same page before they comment," NRKbeta reporter Stale Grut told Nieman Lab.

Many news websites, including Metro, have jettisoned comment sections after they were largely taken over by hostile and reactionary ranting.

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Your essential daily news

Smog fees Lawyers suing Beijing over the city's smog are demanding compensation for the likes of masks and doctor's visits.

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN TECH

It's been almost 6,000 years since the wheel was invented, but science has not been resting on its innovation laurels. A mere 300 years later, wheels were first used for transportation. And now in the 21st century it looks like invention is starting to hit its stride, with new discoveries and applications cropping up regularly. **Here's a look at tech from the not-too-distant future**

1 Graphene

Touted as the first 2D material, graphene is very thin (one million times thinner than human hair) and very strong (200 times stronger than steel). Since researchers at the University of Manchester published their discovery of the material in 2004, more than 8,000 patents have been registered, with Samsung holding the most. The substance can be used in batteries, bendable computer screens, and water purification.

Researchers in Beijing fed graphene to silkworms, who turned it into super-strong, electricity conducting silk.

Nuclear waste diamond batteries

As 2016 came to a close, British researchers announced they could turn nuclear waste into diamonds that could in turn be used as long-lasting batteries. The power-emitting gems don't have enough juice to charge a smartphone, but they can last for thousands of years. So it's a trade off.

3 Pollinating Drones

Hoping to ease the burden on dwindling bee populations, Japanese scientists announced last month they had created insect-sized drones to pollinate plants. Enthusiasm for robot bees depends on how many episodes of dystopian TV series Black Mirror you've seen.

4 Hover-bike

For all your Star Wars-style transportation needs, a U.K. company is working to develop a manned helicopter bike. The project is still in the prototyping and fundraising phase, but it did attract interest from the U.S. Department of Defense in 2015.

Cooling Plastic

In an attempt to beat the heat, engineers have developed a cheap plastic film that blocks heat from the sun while also cooling anything it touches by up to 10 C. The details were published in the journal Science by researchers in Wyoming and Colorado, who say the method could be mass-produced and used to cool buildings.

Hyperloop

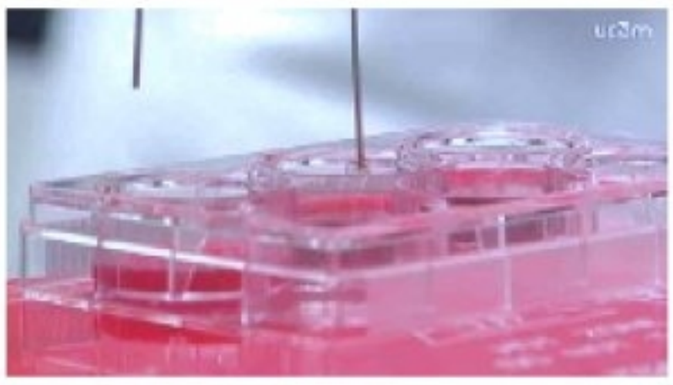
It doesn't exist yet, but if it did it could travel between Toronto and Montreal in 30 minutes. Students gathered for a SpaceX-sponsored contest in January to help make the dream a reality.

Translating headphones

These translation earbuds are set to start shipping in May. For now they only translate the romance languages and require all speakers to wear them, but in the future they could listen and translate all sounds around you.

5 Human skin printer

Scientists have developed a prototype for a machine that prints out sheets of human skin that could be used for transplants or cosmetic and pharmaceutical testing.



FINDINGS
Your week in science

Sweet pee Alberta researchers have a theory: test for urine in pools by looking at sugar levels, since artificial sweeteners stay intact in pee. Using the method, they found 75 litres of urine in a pool one-third of Olympic size. That equals about 37 big bottles of Coke.

Quebec cradle of life A team of researchers believe they have uncovered the oldest known signs of life on the planet in a spot on the shores of Hudson Bay in northern Quebec. The fossils contain traces of bacteria from 3.77 billion years ago.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Meatspace the physical world, as opposed to cyberspace or a virtual environment.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Deborah has been using her phone so much to deal with social life that I think she forgot about the **meatspace.**

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A sweeter side of Wolverine

IN FOCUS

Hugh Jackman brings sharp humanity in mutant finale

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Temperament wise, Hugh Jackman doesn't have much in common with his most famous screen role.

As the embodiment of Wolverine — a mutant blessed with miraculous healing powers but cursed with a bad hairstyle and existential angst — Jackman is the face of the character. But off screen he is as gracious as his cigar-smoking X-Men alter ego is testy.

His Prisoners co-star Terence Howard told me Jackman was, "a sweet man," while director Josh Rothstein said the actor "leads with smiles and warmth."

Doesn't sound much like Wolverine to me.

When he isn't playing Wolverine he devotes his time to charitable causes like World Vision and Laughing Man, a coffee company he established that sells fair trade coffee and tea, products farmed using ecologically friendly methods and sold for the benefit of the farmer and consumer.

This weekend he stars in Logan, the third solo Wolverine film. In the new movie the X-Men antihero makes tracks to the Mexican border to set up a hide-out for ailing mentor Professor X, played by Patrick Stewart.

This installment marks the ninth time Jackman has slipped on the adamantium claws, and will be his swansong in the role.

Having played the character for almost 18 years Jackman owns the part, bringing real humanity to the mutant in an powerful and accomplished performance.

But, as he told me in a friendly, wide-ranging and informative interview, he wasn't always as self-assured.

"When I started acting I was the dunce of the class," he reveals. Success in school, he says, came because of his work ethic, a trait he picked up from his father.

"He never took one day off in his life," he remembers. "He had five kids he was bringing up on his own. If anyone deserved a day off it was my old man, but he never did. I learned that from him.

"There's always that feeling of, 'I have to work harder than everybody else. I'm not born Phillip Seymour Hoffman. I've got to just work harder and I'm prepared to do it."

Being the youngest of five children also contributed to his outlook.

"I always wanted to do stuff and not be left out," he says, but adds, "I was quite a fearful kid, which I hated.

"I've always had a fear of fear. It's weird to think back now but drama school is a pressure cooker situation. People get kicked out of drama school. You are constantly being judged on how you are doing; are you progressing, are you not?

Dafne Keen as Laura and Patrick Stewart's Professor X are Hugh Jackman's sidekicks in Wolverine swansong Logan. CONTRIBUTED

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Before I Fall	★★★
Ballerina	★
Table 19	★★★
The Shack	★
Bitter Harvest	★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
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★ SKIP IT

"Almost everyday you had to get up and do a monologue. Sing a song. Do it in front of everybody. I noticed I was always first. I never wanted to sit there waiting. I'm not saying that out of courage. It was too uncomfortable to sit, stewing. I don't think I've told anyone else that."

Later, fear of unemployment pushed him to expand his talents.

"When I came out of drama school I was like, 'I'm going to do anything I can just to keep working.' In drama school you do Shakespeare to movement to circus skills to singing all in one morning. I know a lot of people hated it but I revelled in it. I loved it."

Seems hard work and confidence is the X-factor that made Jackman the most famous — and friendly — of all the X-Men.

PERIOD DRAMA

Film chronicles long-hidden genocide

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Genocide may be largely associated with the terrible atrocities that took place in Armenia, Rwanda and during the Holocaust of the Second World War. But there is another historical horror that actor Max Irons is hoping to enlighten moviegoers about.

"It was new to me and it's new to most people from what I can tell," said the young star about Holodomor, the man-made Ukrainian famine at the centre of his latest film, Bitter Harvest.

"There was a concerted effort made by (Joseph) Stalin and the Soviet Union to keep what happened in Ukraine under wraps and as a result few people knew about it up until about '91. Even today, only about 24 countries acknowledge it for what it was — which is a state-sponsored genocide."

While the film (set in the 1930s) is an excavation of the neglected disaster that killed millions of people, the period drama about two separated lovers battling to reunite during the crisis also takes on a contemporary flavour in light of today's tension over Russian President Vladimir Putin's annexation of the Crimea region.

"It's a country that's divided politically, ethnically, linguistically, economically and also it's struggling for its sense of national identity," Irons said.

While candid on the complex issue, Irons is also quick to distance any direct connection between Bitter Harvest and the region's current politics. After all, he insists he's just an actor and "if it's a great story, it's a great story," regardless of the politics involved.

Such insight might have been imparted from his parents — Oscar-winner Jeremy Irons and Irish stage actress Sinéad Cusack — who know a thing or two about filmmaking. But Irons insists that he hasn't necessarily relied on their fame for career success — or even their advice.

"They understand that everyone has to make their own way and make their own mistakes and have their own victories," said Irons.

Max Irons stars in Bitter Harvest, a film about separated lovers set during the 1930s famine in Soviet Ukraine. HANDOUT

New documentary shows Gigi's journey to Gorgeous

Canadian transgender YouTube star Gigi Lazzarato has been extremely candid in sharing the story of her male-to-female transition with her millions of subscribers.

So it's not surprising that the new documentary Gigi Gorgeous: This is Everything, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, leavses little unsaid or hidden as its 24-year-old star chronicles her "journey" from childhood, to coming out as gay, and her gender transition.

"That's why we entitled the film This is Everything, because . . . nothing is off limits," Lazzarato said the day after the premiere.

Born the middle of three boys, Gregory Lazzarato is introduced as an outgoing, frantically active kid from Mississauga, Ont., who was a championship diver as a teen. But he struggled with being bullied in high school, especially after starring in makeup-application tutorials on YouTube.

Told in chronological order, the first half of the film relies on video made by Lazzarato as a diary of experiences for friends and family. She also acts as narrator.

Gigi Gorgeous, right, with her partner, Nats Getty.
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"When I was done with my transition I thought this would be a great movie," said Lazzarato, who knew she wanted a woman to "tell my story" and chose two-time Oscar-winning director Barbara Kopple, who made Harlan County, USA; Miss Sharon Jones! and Dixie Chicks: Shut Up & Sing.

"I got into a world where I never thought of Gigi as transgender. I just thought of her as Gigi and never wanted to say 'he' or ask her too many questions because I just felt she's who she is," said Kopple, who added "we should all be so lucky to have parents and brothers like Gigi does."

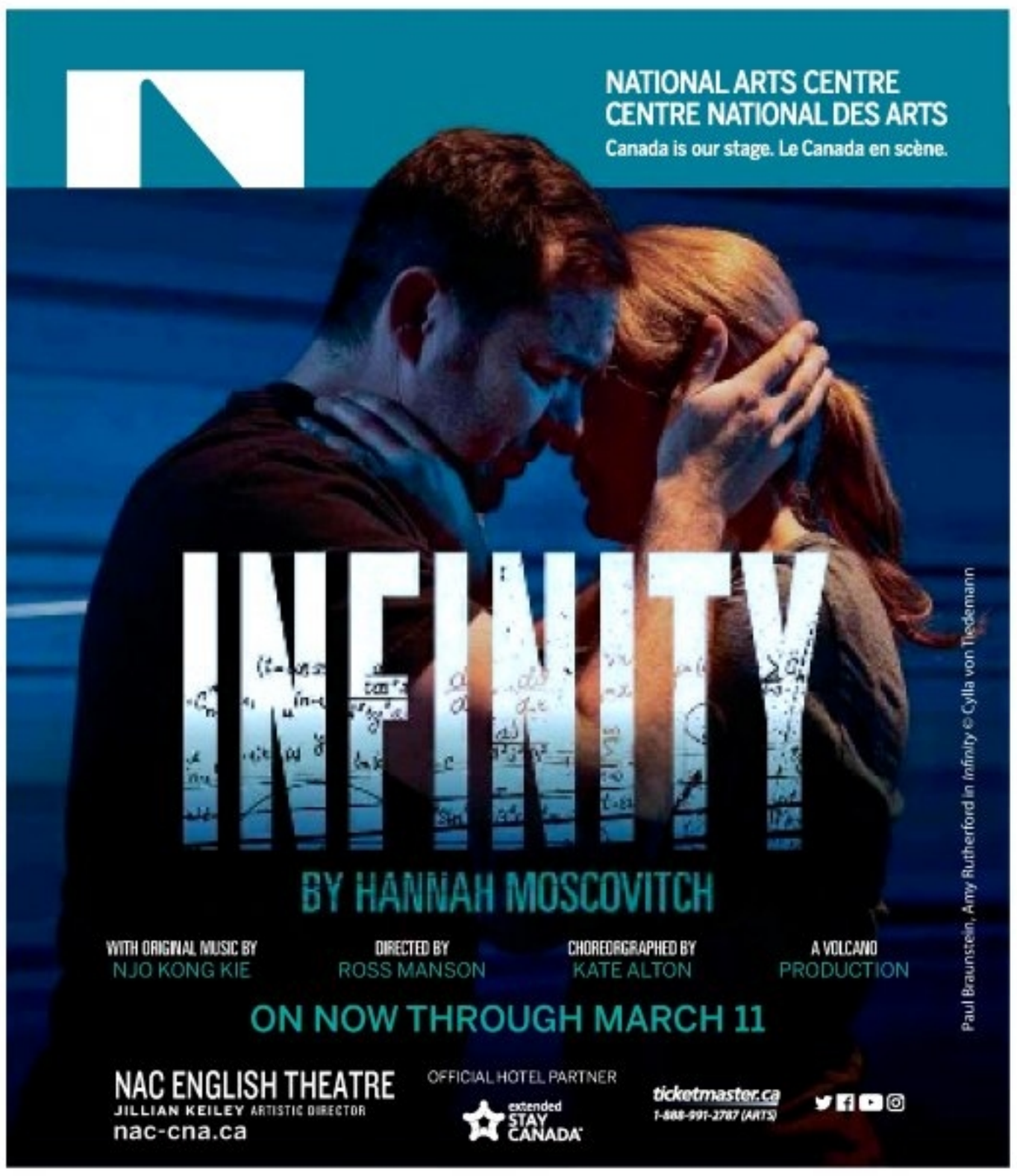
Indeed, the most touching moments in the film come courtesy of Lazzarato's family. Her brothers, and father David, are studies in how to be supportive, while Lazzarato talks about how devastated she was following the death of her mother, Judy, from cancer five years ago.

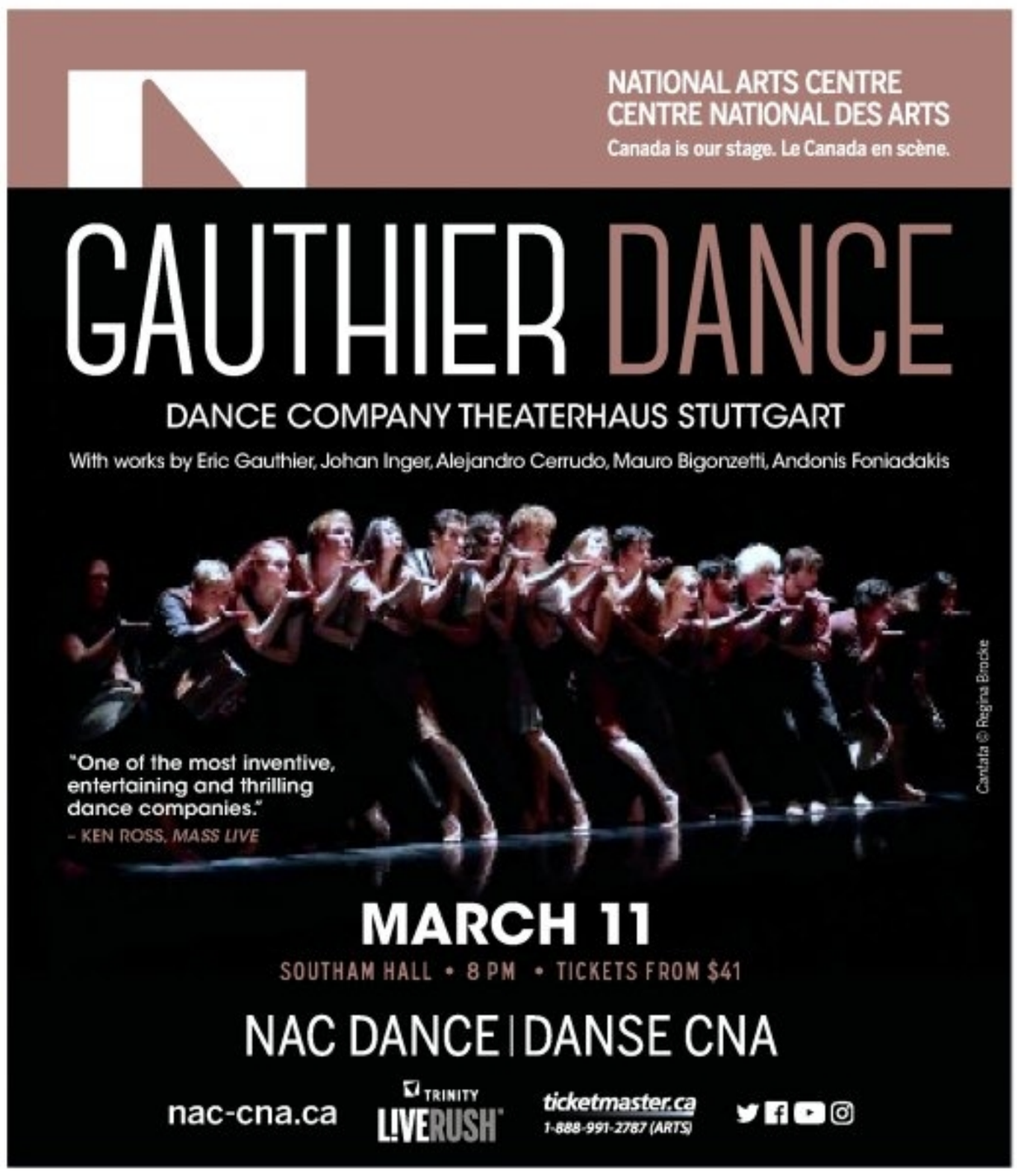
On her YouTube channel, Lazzarato speaks candidly to her more than 2.5 million subscribers in videos that are continually wrapped in a strong anti-bullying, be-yourself message.

"I'm really excited. I think I've always gotten my message across the strongest by telling my story and visually telling my story will ignite even more of a reaction from people," said Lazzarato of the film.

She wishes Caitlyn Jenner was around when she was transitioning and takes her role as an inspiration seriously.

"I know I turned a lot of people's mindsets around just from my personality, people who might not have known transgender people, not been as supporting of transgender people," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lessons from a family gap year

ADVENTURE

Parents stick to epic plan, even when the kids are fussy

Yvette Duffy's adventure of a lifetime began with years of meticulous planning.

The goal was to visit 16 countries in 10 months — an around-the-world ramble in which she and her husband would introduce their 10- and 13-year-old kids to an array of cultures, traditions and invaluable life lessons.

A family gap year, or even a months-long jaunt, can seem like an impossible dream for average Canadians. But many figure out a way, despite significant hurdles: finances, schooling, work obligations and of course, the kids' willingness to go along.

Before their trip, Duffy and her husband curtailed spending and drafted a list of countries to visit. Duffy deferred 20 per cent of her teacher's salary for four years so they could afford a year-long leave. They crunched the numbers again and again and tweaked their list of dream destinations.

As the trip approached, they sold their car and arranged a home swap for one of the costliest legs of the trip — three weeks in the south of France.

School was also an issue, since their son would essentially skip Grade 5 while their daughter would ditch Grade 8. So Duffy downloaded outlines of their academic requirements and vowed to homeschool on the road.

Riding camels in northern Morocco, from left: husband Scott Morson, kids Matthew and Alexandra, and Yvette Duffy. Right: Lisa Kisch and husband Quillan Nagel with daughters Audrey, centre, and Lily, right, at the San Buenaventura Church in Homun, Mexico. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY YVETTE DUFFY/LISA KISCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was a risky plan, Duffy acknowledges, but the payoff was huge. Several months after returning to Toronto, she points to incredible memories, a tighter family bond, and confident kids.

"Their self-esteem definitely increased, their sense of independence increased, their knowledge of the world definitely grew," Duffy says of the impact of visiting locales including Iceland, northern Africa, the Himalayas, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

"They can now speak about places and issues in the world with more confidence and actually recognize the challenges that are facing the world around poverty, human rights, climate change."

Toronto mom Lisa Kisch says she indulged a long-held dream to see the world after her mother suddenly fell ill with terminal cancer.

Eager to distract herself from grief, Kisch dove into a plan to take her husband and two daughters on a seven-month jaunt to Mexico, the Virgin Islands, England, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Israel, Italy and Croatia.

Reached at their first stop in Merida, Mexico earlier this year, Kisch rattled off a list of tips and tricks that could actually keep her finances in the black, thanks to a healthy passive income.

She's renting out their Toronto home and also found tenants for their cottage. Her online business as a network marketer for a beauty products company also promises a continued source of income.

Living and accommodation expenses should drop — depending on where they travel — and more savings come from reduced home and car insurance. Plus they won't be on the hook for the regular stream of birthday party gifts for her daughters' friends, she jokes.

Kisch used a broker to score seven months of health insurance for the whole family for $1,000 and will curb travel costs by hitting Europe in May before high-season starts. More affordable destinations like Portugal will alternate with pricier stops, like London.

While the budget fell into place, she hadn't anticipated how hard the move would be on her eight- and 10-year-old girls, who were sad to leave friends. Several days into the trip they were still crying and she admits to being plagued by mom-guilt.

"It did surprise me that after five or six days they were still wishing they were home," says Kisch."And then I realized: You know what? You had a vision for this trip from the beginning for a reason and just keep that vision even while your kids are going through those ups and downs because ultimately that's what they're really going to learn from." THE CANADIAN PRESS

HOW TO DO IT

Living abroad temporarily can seem out of reach. Here's a look at how one Canadian family managed:

Family: Lisa Kisch, her husband and two kids

Home: Toronto

Travel dates: Jan. 3, 2017 to July 2017

Where they went: Mexico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, England, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Israel, Italy and Croatia.

How they handled school: The board doesn't provide material for home schooling so Kisch loaded e-readers and bought workbooks.

Income: Rental income from their home and cottage covers both mortgages and provides about $2,500 a month extra. Lisa continues to work online as a network marketing professional and receives a salary.

The cost: Mexico provided affordable comfort — housing, Uber rides, groceries and restaurants were cheap. Costs rose in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, but over the course of the trip, Kisch expects they'll spend about as much as they would living in Toronto.

Travel tip: Quell tantrums by picky eaters with help from food ordering apps that do the translating for you. "The day I got here I tried to order pizza ... and it was an epic fail," Kisch recalls of her Spanish-speaking skills. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"I've waited so long for this opportunity": Dalton Pompey, who is set to make his first World Baseball Classic appearance for Canada next week

Character study: Burrows' behaviour creates grey area

Michaela Schreiter
For Metro | Ottawa

The recent trade that saw Alex Burrows become an Ottawa Senator came with a mixed reaction. Many Sens fans see Burrows as a moral blight on the organization, and it's hard to blame them.

A notorious agitator, Burrows knows how to get under the skin of his opponents, and he's willing to violate the players' unwritten honour code to do it. He insults opponents' families, he makes mocking reference to their backgrounds, and he admits to having done these things. Though he sometimes apologizes, his reputation as a "classless" player is, at this point, well established.

While his on-ice reputation has left fans all over the NHL shaking their heads, that's not the case in Vancouver. It's easy to love a guy who plays for your team, no matter what he does, but Vancouver's love for Burrows also extends beyond the boundaries of the boards. Those who only know him as the guy who ridiculed Patrick O'Sullivan for having had an abusive childhood may be surprised to know about his off-ice charitable work. Most visibly, he is the spokesperson for MindCheck.ca, a website promoting mental-health awareness, which the Vancouver Canucks launched after Rick Rypien, a Canucks enforcer who had a history of mental-health problems, passed away.

It's easy to imagine this side of Burrows playing favourably in Ottawa, where community work never goes unnoticed. Ottawa often feels more like a small town than a city, and athletes' charitable contributions tend to have more resonance than in bigger cities. Big fish, small pond.

But the divide between player and person begs the question: where do we draw the line between on-ice and off-ice behaviour? Burrows has taken things too far on the ice, but he has given so much back off it. Does that make his highly inappropriate comments acceptable? As hockey fans, are we going to erase a player's behaviour within a game because of his community work?

Senators GM Pierre Dorion brought Burrows in because "he is a character guy." On the ice, character means grit and "compete level" — a by-any-means approach to winning. But the everyday definition of character — the one we apply to our friends, families and co-workers — is more exacting, and its one that Burrows has often failed to attain on the ice.

He has done great work in the field of mental-health awareness, but surely that doesn't negate his comments about child abuse and addiction. It's possibly a bit inconsistent to accept a player who in one area of his life openly ridicules someone for a history of abuse, but, in another context, will actively promote discussions around mental health. We'll see if that happens in Burrows' case: he's going to be around for a couple of years, having already received a two-year $5-million extension.

What I can say with confidence is that, as fans, especially in Ottawa, we make charity and altruism important aspects of how we perceive athletes, but for some reason, that requirement falls to the wayside when the puck drops.

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Alex Burrows made his Ottawa debut and scored in first period of Thursday's game against Colorado. Check metronews.ca for more on the game. FRANCOIS LAPLANTE/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

Burrows only guy who said he wanted to hurt me like me father did-why I can't stand him.
Patrick O'Sulllivan in a tweet from December 2015

IN BRIEF

Red Sox's Price feeling soreness in pitching arm
Red Sox left-hander David Price was scratched from his first spring training start and will consult with specialists after experiencing soreness in his left forearm and elbow.

Manager John Farrell said Price threw 38 pitches in a two-inning simulated game Tuesday and felt no discomfort until Wednesday morning.
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Bogut switches sides in Cavs-Warriors rivalry
Andrew Bogut has changed jerseys — and perhaps sides in the NBA Finals.

The free agent centre, who played for the Warriors the past four seasons, signed Thursday with the Cleveland Cavaliers, joining the team he faced the past two Junes with a championship on the line.

Also Thursday, Golden State signed forward Matt Barnes, adding the edgy veteran after losing Kevin Durant to a knee injury.
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Torres head injury 'was just a scare'
Atletico Madrid striker Fernando Torres tweeted from hospital that he was OK after collapsing and losing consciousness from a clash of heads in a Spanish league game on Thursday.

"It was just a scare," Torres wrote on Twitter.
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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 chopped red pepper
- 2 (14 oz) cans black beans, rinsed
- 1 (14 oz) can of chick peas, rinsed
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp cumin
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup shaved cheddar

Directions

1. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onions and peppers.

2. Saute until the vegetables are softened.

3. Add the beans, tomato sauce, vinegar, maple syrup, cumin, chili powder, paprika and salt.

4. Simmer for 15 minutes. Serve on toasted whole grain bun and sprinkle with cheddar cheese.

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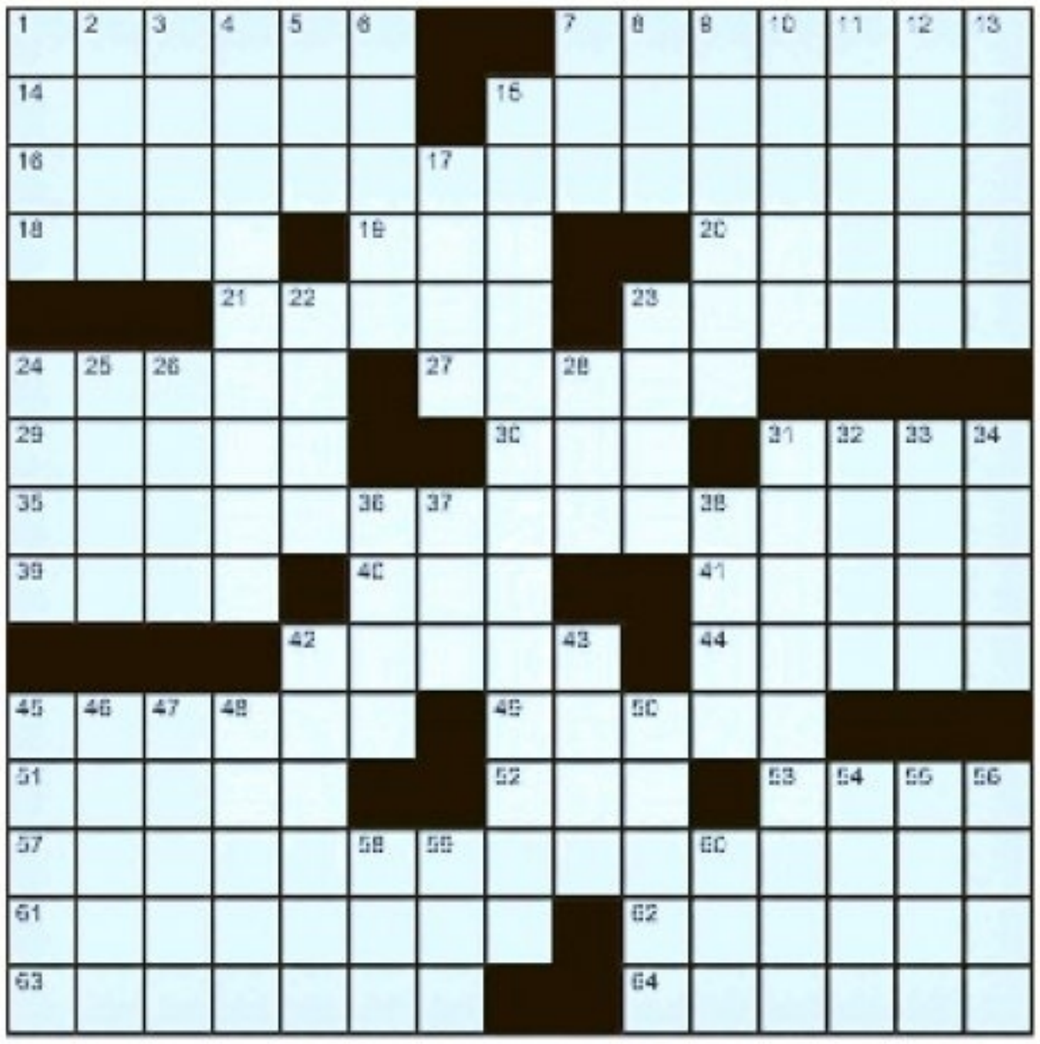

ACROSS
1. Garbo and Van Susteren
7. Most quick
14. Pick up on that sound: 2 wds.
15. Go-with-coffee cookies
16. Make a friendly gesture, as between neighbours: 4 wds.
18. "Desperate Housewives" role
19. WPM's 'P'
20. Freda of song
21. Bob or Doug McKenzie
23. Servings of chilled-in-moulds desserts
24. Verboten
27. Store promotions
29. Glade target
30. Assembled
31. Director Mr. Mendes'
35. Titanic accommodation: 3 wds.
39. Alternative magazine, __ Reader
40. Ad __ committee
41. Foreigner's "Cold __ __"
42. SNL's Mr. Michaels
44. "Scott Pilgrim __ __ World" (2010)
45. Noon
49. Record over
51. Struck all of __ (Surprised or disconcerted)
52. Web connector, briefly
53. Near, fancy-style
57. Earth is one, some believe Mars might have been one: 2 wds.
61. Tolkien's nasty creatures: 2 wds.
62. Necklace piece to keep tiny keepsakes
63. Clickety-click-clicks - makes a mistake - uses the backspace key - then does this
64. F's music equivalent: note + word

DOWN
1. President Reagan's Veep-turned-Prez
2. Raise
3. House's gutter locale
4. Casey and Finnegan's set: 2 wds.
5. Small island
6. Layovers
7. 'Terri' tail
8. Residue kind
9. Extents/ranges
10. Entire
11. Solvent sort, __ acetate
12. Office item, __ pad
13. Car's wheels
15. Celtic family band from Cape Breton: 2 wds.
17. Shoe width sizes, e.g.
22. Dutch astronomer, Jan __ (b.1900 - d.1992)
23. Transports for ritzy travellers
24. Bean curd
25. Mine passage
26. "__ Free" (1966)
28. Guitar legend Mr. Paul
31. Mount in Alberta; or, Gaelic word for an outsider (Jamie's nickname for Claire) on Scottish Highlands set series "Outlander" on Showcase
32. Somewhat: 2 wds.
33. Detroit, __.
34. Snick-or-__
36. Bok __ (Stir-fry ingredient)
37. "Full House" star Ms. Loughlin, briefly
38. Cleveland basketballers, briefly
42. Easily portable computer
43. Gaelic
45. "Real Time with Bill __"
46. 2005: "Can __ It Like That" by Pharrell feat. Gwen Stefani
47. Money-spent transaction
48. __ Mail (British newspaper)
50. Genesis fruit
54. "__ Dinka Doo" by Jimmy Durante
55. Will of "The Waltons"
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58. Sister Sledge's "We __ Family"
59. Guess Who's lead singer's initials-sharers
60. __ Alamos, New Mexico

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might see new uses for something that you own today. Some of you will even see new ways to make money. Clever you! Ka-ching!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Take a realistic look in the mirror today, and ask yourself what you can do to improve your appearance. How can you create a better impression on your world?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something powerful and secretive is present in your life today. If you are focused and aware, whatever it is might introduce improvements into your world.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you will attract someone powerful to you. This might be a pleasant experience — or not.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your relationships with bosses, parents and VIPs will be intense and direct today. However, the outcome will be that the relationship is superior.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might have a powerful discussion with someone about politics, religion or racial issues today. (It's tough to keep your shirt on if you have to get something off your chest.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today you might see a better way to deal with shared property or something that is jointly owned. You also might come to a better arrangement regarding an inheritance.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Discussions with partners and close friends will be emotional and strong today. People will show their feelings. Fortunately, things will be better after the dust settles.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Look for ways to introduce reforms and improvements to your job or where you work. Similarly, you might even see ways to improve your health.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Romance will be passionate and intense today. In fact, you might feel obsessed with something.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Family discussions will be intense today. However, the main focus will be introducing improvements to where you live. Don't get carried away. Avoid major theatrics.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You are so powerful and convincing today that you will be successful if you are in sales, marketing, teaching, acting or writing. No one will be able to resist your words of persuasion!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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